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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 3, 2003, please replace the listing of claims in the Amendment filed on October 3, 2003, with the below listing of claims:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a tobacco preparation process having reduced contents of nicotine and tar, wherein dried playcodi platycodi radix (broad bellflower), ginseng radix (*Panax ginseng*) and peach kernel (persicae semen) are crushed and applied to into tobacco leaves are crushed and cut into a specified piece.